

HEALTH ADVOCATES TEAM

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CONCEPT NOTE

‘SUSTAINABLE OUTCOMES PROJECT’

For the promotion of Health-seeking behavior to improve maternal and infant mortality, and child vulnerability

VISION: Uplifting health standards of our community, for better livelihoods

MISSION: Working as a team gaining cooperation with community members to improve health services at all levels

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. To sensitize the community about the available health services in their nearby health centers.**
- 2. To ensure people get aware of preventive and curative measures of disease affecting their community**
- 3. To reduce maternal and infant mortality and morbidity rate**
- 4. To sensitize the community about increased rate of HIV especially among the youth**
- 5. To sensitize the communities about the effects of domestic violence.**

Background and Justification

According to UNHS, 2009/2010, children constituted an estimated number of 17.1 million children below the age of 18 years which is about 57.4% of Uganda's total population of 30.7 million people. Of these, 14% (2.43 million) are orphans of which 45.6% (1,108,080) of the orphans are due to HIV and AIDS. Approximately 51 percent (8.1 million children) are either critically or moderately vulnerable, while 63% live with caregivers other than their biological parents. Currently, at least one in every four households has an orphan and 3 million children live below the poverty line (OVC Situation Analysis 2010). According to UBOS Mapping report 2011/2012 for Kabarole District, revealed that a total number of 22,019 OVCs were served by September 2011 out the estimated total number of 100,983 leaving an estimated total of 78,964 in critical conditions.

These uncontrollable deaths of the useful parents due to HIV/AIDS pandemic continues to accelerate the vulnerability of children because majorities are orphaned at a tender age. Of all the families in the country, 25% have at least one orphan out of which the majority is exposed to malnutrition, loss of family identity, engaged in stressful labour, lack protection and are exposed to HIV/AIDS in pursuit of survival (TASO, 2008). Kabarole has one of the highest HIV prevalence in the country which stands at 11% whereas the national is at 7.3%.

Mobilizing community health workers and leaders to encourage women to give birth in a health facility has remained a great challenge. Providing transportation to help women attend health centres, and strengthening supply chains to provide reliable access to life-saving products and upgrading health reach life-saving care within two hours is also a challenge.

Training and mentoring health providers to deliver consistent, quality care, equipping health providers with life-saving medical devices and supplies needs community mobilization needs emphasis.

Many of the health facilities lack even the most basic medical equipment, without which it is difficult and, at times, impossible to provide quality obstetric and newborn care. For this reason this project intends to create awareness approach to preventing maternal and newborn deaths among other health challenges as explained below.

Sustainable Outcomes Project Description:

Promoting health-seeking behavior to improve maternal and infant mortality and child vulnerability.

Sustainable Outcomes is a project intended to promote health education, community diagnosis, and take up of immunization services for children and the mothers and linking community members to health centers and hospitals by way of promoting health-seeking behavior.

The project aims to ensure people get awareness about preventive and curative measures that can tackle diseases affecting their community, mostly mothers, infants and vulnerable children. This is done through a community education program to promote the seeking of timely health care services like attending antenatal care, immunization, sleeping under treated mosquito nets and maintaining proper hygiene and sanitation.

The education program will also inform and sensitize people about the HIV scourge, where local prevalence is currently about 11% compared to the national prevalence of 7.3%. HIV has mostly affected the youth and young couples. This will include HIV prevention strategies, education, guidance and support.

Domestic violence has been on the increase resulting to increased numbers of divorce, child neglect, school dropout of children hence high number of vulnerable children put at risk from HIV infection. The project intends to work with local leaders to identify families that are facing domestic violence and provide mitigation, guidance and counselling services.

The project will also carry out a community survey to find out health problems and challenges affecting the local population.

Orphans and vulnerable children will be identified and if necessary connected to institutions and community safe places for them to socialize and take part in group activities as well as a forum for life-skills training. Many of the OVCs, youth and caregivers will be trained in income-generating activities for job creation.

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plan

Monitoring will be an ongoing activity throughout the project life cycle. It will aim, among other things, at providing quantifiable evidence used for making necessary adjustments regarding planning and implementation of the proposed activities. Monitoring will be done at various levels; board monitoring (quarterly basis), Management (Monthly) and implementing team, and a report will be published annually.

Budget prediction:

	Ugshs
1. Community diagnosis, survey	
2. Health education	3,500,000
3. Follow up on maternal and infant/child mortality	6,000,000
3,000,000	
4. Hiv sensitization and prevention strategies	3,000,000
5. Liking community members to health facilities	3,000,000
6. Sensitization guidance and counselling on domestic violence	2,500,000
7. Orphans and vulnerable children guidance and support	3,200,000
8. Administrative costs and reporting	2,000,000
Total project cost	23,200,000
MONEY REQUESTED;	21,200,000
LOCAL CONTRIBUTION THROUGH TIME AND EFFORT	2,000,000

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY: The project will equip health workers with knowledge and skills, and encourage and support the village health teams VHTs and the local leaders to take up health mobilization and promotion. The organization (HAFT) will put in place quarterly and monthly follow-ups, and publish an annual report containing data and statistics that can be used to target further health improvement work.